

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Coulthard et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0059364 A1.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coulthard et al. and further in view of Mori et al., U.S. Publication No. US 2001/0025272 A1.

Claim 1 recites a step of receiving discriminating information to be outputted with a verification result of authenticity based on the digital data, wherein the discriminating information can be discriminated only by a specific user. Claim 1 further recites a step of reading out the discriminating information from a personal table when the verification result of the authenticity is outputted, and displaying to two pieces of information together. See also independent claims 2 and 10-12.

Coulthart et al. describe in paragraph [0079] a certification server for receiving specific content from a user for certification verification. The server determines verification information which can be transmitted back to the user for display. Coulthart et al. do not disclose “discriminating information” that can only be discriminated by a specific user. The verification information described by Coulthart et al. can be obtained by any user who sends the specific content to the certification server. Coulthart et al. therefore do not teach or suggest the recited discriminating information. The Section 102 and Section 103 rejections of the claims are believed to be overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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